(e) if so, the steps contemplated by the Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c). According to information furnished by Coal Controller, after ascertaining the quality, the coal found unfit for use by Steel Plants, such as rejected coal and washery tailings is being released by him from time to time which is being sold by Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. (TISCO), to non metallurgical consumers. Accordingly to Coal Controller such material (rejected coal) can neither be used for metallurgical purpose nor in any other industries belonging to TISCO. Coal Controller has informed that he has not received any complaint regarding excessive prices being charged by TISCO for such coal and as such no enquiry has been made in this regard.

(d) and (e). In case Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation are interested in purchasing such coal they may approach TISCO and Coal Controller in this regard with their proposal.

Opening of New Godowns

1301. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new civil supplies godowns in the State of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the places where these godowns are proposed to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Food Corporation of India proposes to undertake construction of godowns for storage of foodgrains in Kerala Region during the 8th Five Year Plan period. The places and the capacity proposed are as under:-

1. Chingavanam	10000 tonnes
2. Mararikulam	10000 tonnes
3. Mullangunathukavu	5000 tonnes
4. Payyanur	25000 tonnes
5. Thirunavaya	10000 tonnes.

Facilities and Grants to Joint Consultative Machinery

1302. SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the facilities and grants given to Joint Consultative Machinery for the Central Government employees annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

(a) *Duty Period*:- The time spent in attending the JCM Committees including time of travel, is treated as duty (since 1966).

(b) The Staff Side members of the National Council (JCM) and Departmental Councils are also allowed atleast 2 days in advance of the meetings of these Councils for discussion among themselves (since August 1978). (*Only one day in the case of Regional Councils, since November, 1985).

(c) TA/DA including Conveyance hire, at the scheduled rates for JCM meetings (since the inception of the JCM Scheme in 1966-67).

(d) *CGHS Facilities:* CGHS facilities wherever available are extended to members of the Departmental/National Council (since December 1974).

Nursing Home facilities wherever available are given to Staff members of National Council (since January, 1976).

(e) *Telephone facilities:* The members of the National Council are accorded priority for installation of telephone at their residence, on normal rental basis, 'on-out-of-turn basis' without OYT deposit and without reference to Telephone Advisery Committee (since January, 1970).

(f) *Supply of copies of orders/circulars etc.*:- Copies of all orders, circulars etc. of general nature and of interest to employees are circulated among all staff members of the National Council/Departmental Councils.

(g) *Accommodation:* A bungalow at 13-C Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi, has been given to the Staff-Side for the Secretariat of the National Council. They were also provided non-recurring grant for setting up of the secretariat and pruchase of furniture etc., type-writer, duplicating machine etc.

(h) Recurring annual grant-in-aid is given to the Staff Side sercretariat of the National Council to meet part of recurring expenditure. Initially since 1972, this grant was to the extent of Rs. 26,000 which was increased to Rs. 29,000 during 1981-82 and Rs. 39,000/- since 1990-91. The telephone rental charges for the telephone provided at the Staff Side secretariat of the National Council as also the 20% water and electricity charges are reimbursable.

(i) *Training facilities*:- A decision was taken in November, 1970 that Staff Side members of the National Council may be deputed for management training courses within India. Since, 1976 members of Departmental Councils are also eligible.

(j) *Staff members appearing before the Board of Arbitration*:- The period spent by Government servant in appearing as witness before the Board of Arbitration is treatec as duty with normal TA/DA. Since 1969, this facility was restricted to two persons which was extended to three in September, 1985.

Rural Development Project of Kerala

1303. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal from Government of Kerala for rural development projects has recently been received by the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATTEL): (a) No, Sir. However, proposals for a composite Housing Project and Rural Water Supply project have been received.

(b) A proposal for a Composite Housing Project named "Rajiv One Million Housing Scheme" has been received. Another proposal for Rural Water Supply project has been forwarded by Government of Kerala. Both are pending for want of clarification's from the Government of Kerala.

Funds to Orissa for Rural Drinking Water Projects

1304. DR. KARTIKESHWAR PATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocation to